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## **IWU to Host Talk by Consul General of Spain**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University International Studies Program, Western European Studies Team will be sponsoring a talk by Ambassador Francisco Viqueira, Consul General of Spain in Chicago. The talk will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher Street, Bloomington).

The talk will be given in English and is free and open to the public.

Ambassador Viqueira also served as a Spanish diplomat in the Embassy of Mozambique in Africa. In his talk titled, “Reflections on Spain’s Role in Today’s World,” Ambassador Viqueira will discuss the historical developments of Spain. He will specifically speak on the progress made in the past few decades in moving away from the cultural and economical isolation Spain maintained for 40 years under General Franco’s regime as leader of the Nationalist forces in power.

The ambassador will focus on the topics of Spain and the United Nations, Spain and the European Union and the roles of being both Ambassador and Consul in Africa and America. His talk will also touch on the humanitarian aid offered by Spain to the United States, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and to other countries in South America, Africa and Asia.

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